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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on amendment filed on 5/16/05.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-12 and 14-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-12 and 14-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 3-12, 14-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schultz et al. (US Patent 6,445,245)

As per claim 1, Schultz discloses a PCI-X DDR driver for providing internal termination to a transmission line, comprising:

- a driver control; (fig.2, 201, ie Digitally controlled impedance(DCI))
- a plurality of N-channel devices each coupled with a discrete resistor (fig.10, 1015-1018, ie resistors) for providing a desired output impedance(col.14, line 32-col.15, line 18), the plurality of N-channel devices being divided into at least two groups; and (col.2, lines 6-col.3, line 26, ie 1st set, N1-N7 and 2nd set N11-N15)
- a plurality of P-channel devices each coupled with a discrete resistor(fig. 10, 1011-1014, ie resistors) for providing a desired output impedance(col.14, line 32-col.15, line 18), the plurality of P-channel

devices being divided into at least two groups, (col.2, line 6-col.3, line 26, ie 1st set, P1-P7 and 2nd set P11-P15)

- wherein the driver control(fig.2, 201, ie DCI) is suitable for individually controlling selected ones of the groups of N-channel and P-channel devices on or off for providing internal termination to the transmission line, the driver control controlling selected ones of the groups of N-channel and P-channel devices on or off for providing one of pull-up type(col.4, lines 57-65) termination, pull-down type(col.6, lines 13-18) termination, and symmetric type(col.11, lines 8-17) termination to the transmission line. (col.4, line 50-col.5, line 7, wherein DCI controls(adjusts)/turn on or off of p and/or n devices until the desired corresponding transmission line termination provided by output driver)

As per claims 3, 14, Schultz discloses wherein the driver control enables selected ones of the groups of P-channel devices for providing pull-up termination. (col.4, lines 57-65), (col.4, line 50-col.5, line 7, wherein DCI controls(adjusts)/turn on or off of p and/or n devices until the desired corresponding transmission line termination provided by output driver)

As per claims 4, 15, Schultz discloses wherein the transmission line includes a transmission line end having a terminator impedance, and wherein the terminator

impedance is connected to a power supply VDD. (col.9, line 63-col.10, line 19, ie termination resistors 601-602)

As per claims 5, 16, Schultz discloses wherein the driver control enables selected ones of the groups of N-channel devices for providing pull-down termination. (col.6, lines 13-18), (col.4, line 50-col.5, line 7, wherein DCI controls(adjusts)/turn on or off of p and/or n devices until the desired corresponding transmission line termination provided by output driver)

As per claims 6,17, Schultz discloses wherein the transmission line includes a transmission line end having a terminator impedance and wherein the terminator impedance is connected to a system ground VSS. (col.9, line 63-col.10, line 6)

As per claims 7, 18, Schultz discloses wherein the driver control enables selected ones of the groups of both P-channel and N-channel devices for providing symmetric termination. (col.11, lines 8-17), (col.4, line 50-col.5, line 7, wherein DCI controls(adjusts)/turn on or off of p and/or n devices until the desired corresponding transmission line termination provided by output driver)

As per claims 8,19, Shultz discloses wherein the transmission line includes a transmission line end having a terminator impedance and wherein the terminator impedance is connected to both a power supply VDD and a system ground VSS.

(col.5, line 56-col.6, line 18, ie termination resistor 301-302 between Vcc voltage supply and ground voltage supply)

As per claims 9, 20, Schultz discloses wherein the driver control includes an impedance controller for correcting process/voltage/temperature effects. (col.2, lines 38-41)

As per claims 10, 21, Schultz discloses wherein a size of at least one of the groups of N-channel and P-channel devices has its size weighted to provide an output impedance for given process/voltage/temperate conditions. (col.9, line 63-col.10, line 19, wherein termination resistance of resistors implies size weighted provided for output impedance)

As per claims 11,22, Schultz discloses wherein the size of at least one of the groups of N-channel and P-channel devices has its size weighted in conjunction with a discrete resistor. (col.14, lines 12-52, fig. 10, 1011-1013 ie 8r, 4r or 12r, the discrete resistor)

As per claim 12. Schultz discloses PCI-X DDR system, comprising:

- a transmission line; and (fig.5a, 502 ie Zo)

- driver(fig.2, 200 ie output driver) for providing internal termination to the transmission line, the driver including: (col.4, line 66-col.5, line 7)
- a driver control; (fig.2, 201, ie Digitally controlled impedance(DCI))
- a plurality of N-channel devices each coupled with a discrete resistor (fig.10, 1015-1018, ie resistors) for providing a desired output impedance(col.14, line 32-col.15, line 18), the plurality of N-channel devices being divided into at least two groups; and (col.2, lines 6-col.3, line 26, ie 1st set, N1-N7 and 2nd set N11-N15)
- a plurality of P-channel devices each coupled with a discrete resistor(fig. 10, 1011-1014, ie resistors) for providing a desired output impedance(col.14, line 32-col.15, line 18), the plurality of P-channel devices being divided into at least two groups, (col.2, line 6-col.3, line 26, ie 1st set, P1-P7 and 2nd set P11-P15)
- wherein the driver control (fig.2, 201, ie DCI) is suitable for individually controlling selected ones of the groups of N-channel and P-channel devices on or off for providing internal termination to the transmission line, the driver control controlling selected ones of the groups of N-channel and P-channel devices on or off for providing one of pull-up type(col.4, lines 57-65) termination, pull-down type(col.6, lines 13-18) termination, and symmetric type(col.11, lines 8-17) termination to the transmission line. (col.4,

line 50-col.5, line 7, wherein DCI controls(adjusts)/turn on or off of p and/or n devices until the desired corresponding transmission line termination provided by output driver).

As per claim 23, Schultz discloses a PCI-X DDR driver for providing internal termination to a transmission line, comprising:

- a plurality of N-channel devices each coupled with a discrete resistor (fig.10, 1015-1018, ie resistors) for providing a desired output impedance(col.14, line 32-col.15, line 18), the plurality of N-channel devices being divided into at least two groups; (col.2, lines 6-col.3,line 26, ie 1st set, N1-N7 and 2nd set N11-N15)
- a plurality of P-channel devices each coupled with a discrete resistor(fig. 10, 1011-1014, ie resistors) for providing a desired output impedance(col.14, line 32-col.15, line 18) , the plurality of P-channel devices being divided into at least two groups;
- means for individually controlling the groups of N-channel and P-channel devices; (col.4, line 50-col.5, line 7)
- wherein the controlling means is suitable for individually controlling selected ones of the groups of N-channel and P-channel devices on or off for providing internal termination to the transmission line, the controlling means controlling selected ones of the groups of N-channel and P-channel devices on or off for providing one of pull-up type(col.4,

lines 57-65) termination, pull-down type(col.6, lines 13-18) termination, and symmetric type(col.11, lines 8-17) termination to the transmission line. (col.4, line 50-col.5, line 7, wherein DCI controls(adjusts)/turn on or off of p and/or n devices until the desired corresponding transmission line termination provided by output driver).

Response to Amendment

3. Applicant's amendment filed on 5/16/05 have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

a. In response to applicant's argument that neither Schultz or Garlepp disclose a plurality of N-channel or P-channel devices each coupled with a discrete resistor for providing a desired output impedance. Examiner respectfully disagrees. As Schultz notes at (col.14, line 32-col.15, line 18, fig.10, 1011-1018), discloses P-channel and N-channel devices include resistors 1011-1018 each have a relative resistances to generate various signals with various address signals, these address signals are used to provide DCI output driver circuits with different impedances. Thus, the prior art teaches the invention as claimed and the amended claims do not distinguish over the prior art as applied.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

5. *Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kim Huynh whose telephone number is (571)272-3635 or via e-mail addressed to [kim.huynh3@uspto.gov]. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00AM- 6:00PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rehana Perveen can be reached at (571)272-3676 or via e-mail addressed to [rehana.perveen@uspto.gov].*

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571)273-8300 for regular communications and After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571)272-2100.

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